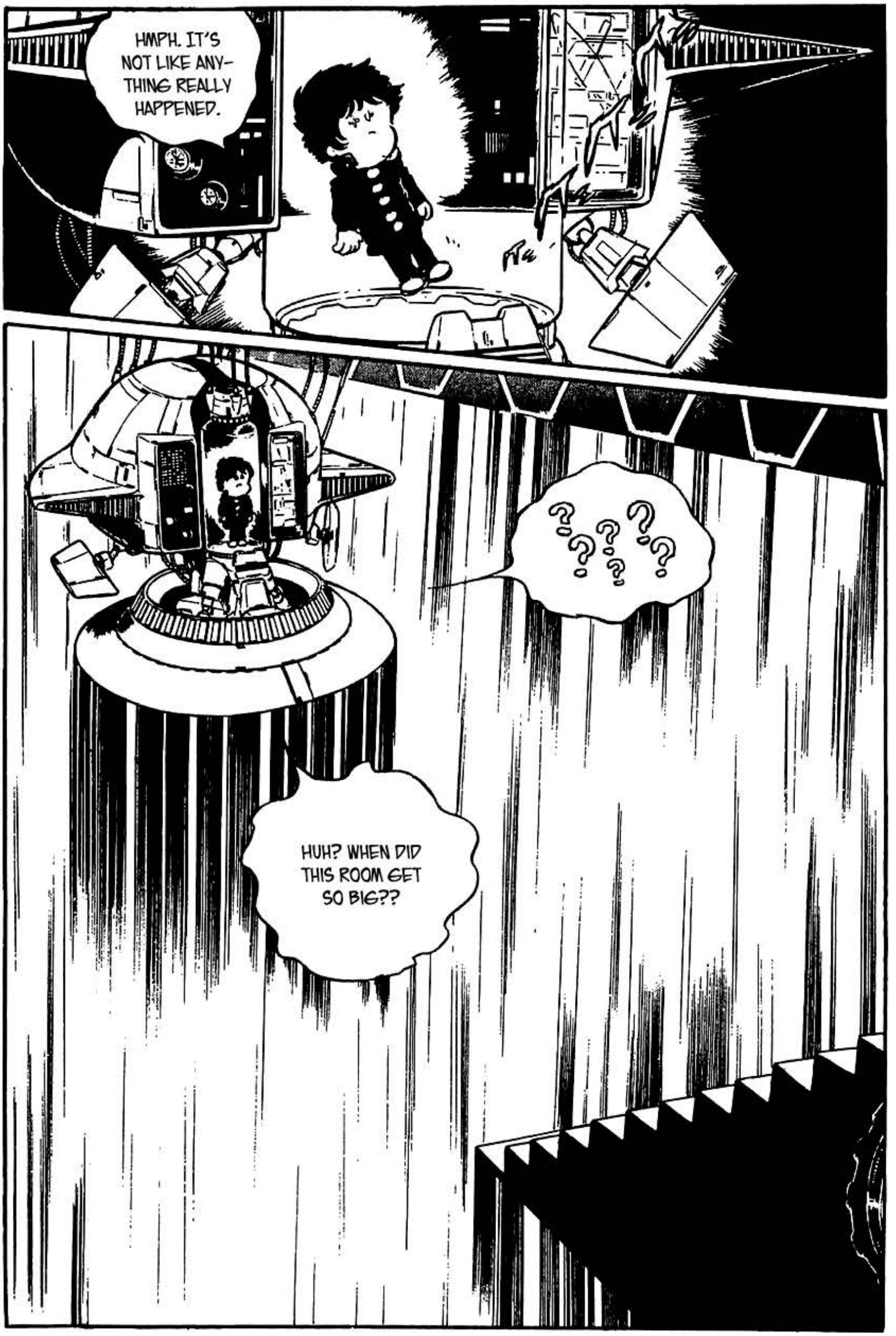
HMPH. IT'S NOT LIKE ANY-THING REALLY HAPPENED.
HUH? WHEN DID THIS ROOM GET SO BIG??

WELCOME TO MY ROOM!! I HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!! HOW DO YOU FEEL?

EHH? LARLELLA... WHAT'S WITH THIS ENORMOUS ROOM?

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HOW UNDIGNI-FIED! HALF YOUR BODY HAS SUNK INTO THE FLOOR.

HUH. WHEN I TOUCH THE FLOOR I DON'T FEEL A THING.

SH- SH- SHADOW? ME?

YOU AREN'T USED TO BEING A SHADOW, SO I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE CONTROL...

SOMETHING LIKE A 3-D VIDEO PHONE?

YOUR BODY IS STILL INSIDE THE TELEPORTATION DEVICE INSIDE THE CAVESHIP... YOUR SHADOW IS HERE ALONG WITH YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS...

THE CAPITAL OF PLANET LA-METAL!!

SO WHERE ARE WE?

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED HIGH PLACES...

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THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS MIYU CITY, CAPITAL OF LA-METAL.

LA-METAL?

I WANTED TO SHOW IT TO YOU, SO I SUMMONED YOUR SHADOW...LOOK AROUND. THIS IS LA-METAL...

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THAT TINY LIGHT IS THE SUN?

IF IT GETS ALL THE WAY TO EARTH,

UH-HUH. IT'S GETTING GRADUALLY BIGGER BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING CLOSER.

THE EARTH WILL CRACK UP...THAT IS THE TRUTH.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO LA-METAL?

BUT BEYOND THAT...

IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT THE LARGER ONE IS MORE DURABLE.

WHY? LA-METAL HAS NINE TIMES THE DIAMETER OF EARTH...

SATURN HAS A DIAMETER OF 120,000 KM...9.9 TIMES EARTH. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PLANET WITH RINGS.

THE EARTH'S DIAMETER IS 12,104 KM.

LA-METAL'S DIAMETER IS 109,404 KM. RIGHT AT NINE TIMES EARTH'S.

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THINK ABOUT IT. LA-METAL IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS SATURN...BUT WE LIVE HERE UNDER THE SAME GRAVITY AND ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AS EARTH...

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE THAT LA-METAL IS A VERY SPECIAL PLANET...

UH-HUH. YOU ARE ONLY SEEING THE TOP OF THE CITY. MOST OF IT IS BURIED BENEATH THE ICE.

THE BUILDINGS RESEMBLE FIELD HORSETAIL SHOOTS. THEY LOOK LONELY ATOP THE ICE...

UH-HUH. MIYU CITY.

YOU SAID THIS IS THE CAPITAL OF LA-METAL.

TOKYO IS PRETTY LARGE SCALE. I WOULDN'T LOSE IT THAT EASILY!!

IF YOU SAW MY ENTIRE PALACE YOU WOULD BE AMAZED. YOU'D TOTALLY LOSE IT.

TEN THOUSAND METERS BELOW THE SURFACE...THERE IS A SACRED ROOM CALLED "MAYU" BELOW THE ICE AND THE MUD. THERE YOU WILL SEE SOMETHING THAT WILL CAUSE YOU TO LOSE IT...

TH- THAT'S ENOUGH. I WANT TO GO HOME. I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT.

WHAT? ANOTHER ELEVATOR?

I GUESS YOU HAVE YOUR PRIDE. SO LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT WILL CAUSE YOU TO LOSE IT. GET ON.

SEE THERE. AND NOW...YOU WILL LOSE IT...FU FU..

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HERE IS WHERE YOU GET A LOOK AT "MAYU".

Y- YAYOI!!

OR NOT ACTUALLY...BUT... THE FACE...IS EXACTLY HERS...THE PLACE IS FULL OF YAYOIS...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THESE ARE ALL IDENTICAL TO YAYOI!!

ALL IDENTICAL TO YAYOI...!!

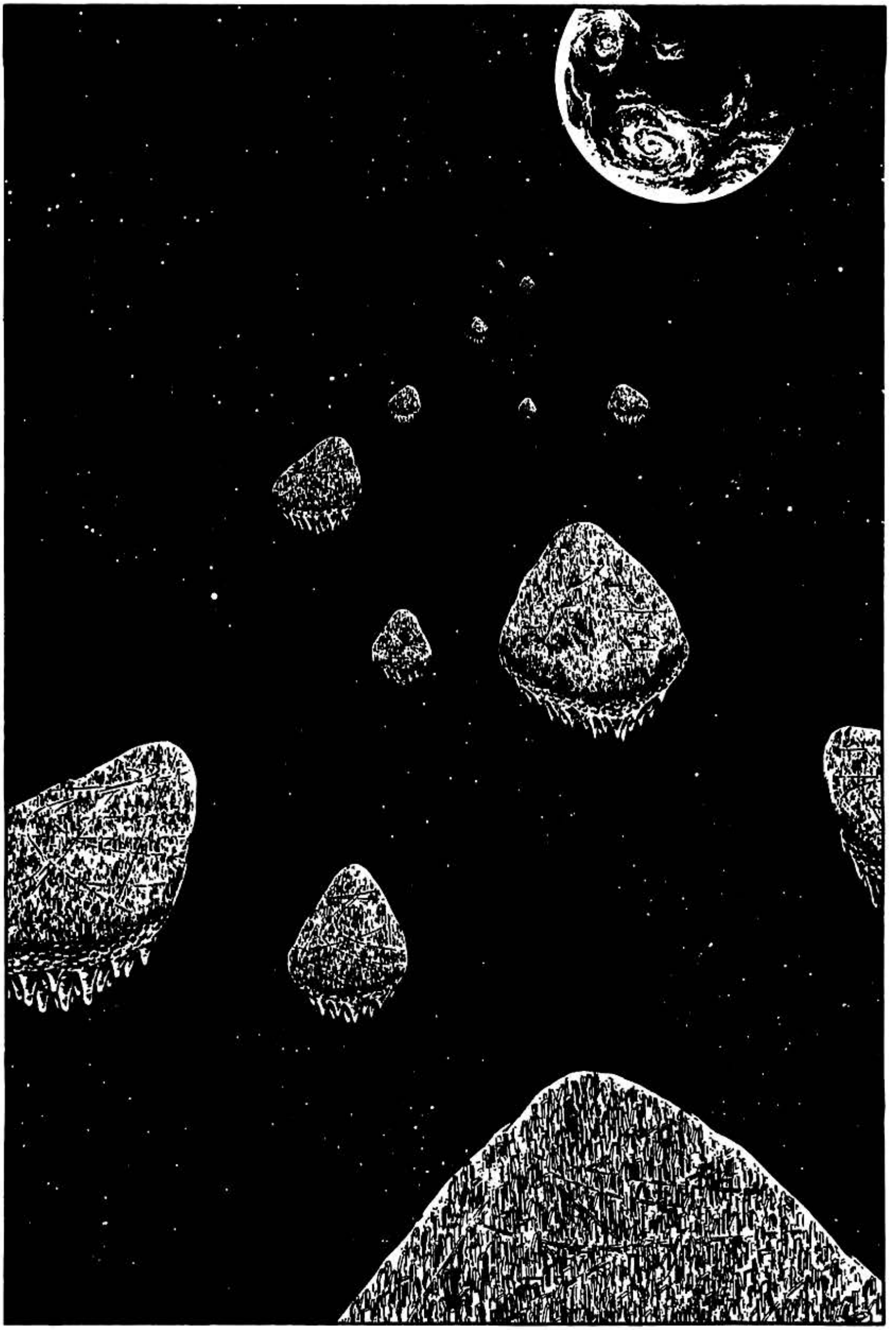
IN OTHER WORDS...!!

SOMEONE CUT THE LINE ON THE THE OTHER SIDE...OH WELL. THE REAL HASHIME WILL BE HERE SOON ENOUGH...

Y- YAYOI!!

I HAD NO IDEA THIS SECRET COMMI- NATIONS ROOM HAD BEEN BUILD INTO THE CAVESHIP. THAT'S MY FAULT. ARE YOU OKAY? HASHIME!!

AH!!



WHAT IS IT? DON'T YOU WANT TO EAT?

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IT SEEMS SO. IT'S A BIG PLACE.

SO THERE WAS A COMMUNICATIONS ROOM IN THIS CAVESHIP THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.

I AM.

I GUESS...YOU ARE THAT QUEEN MILLENNIAL PERSON?

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT!?

...AN ANDROID OR A ROBOT DOESN'T EAT FOOD, RIGHT?

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OH...IT'S NOTHING... REALLY...

UHHH...IT SEEMS LIKE WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR ANYTHING LIKE THAT...

HASHIME...DID YOU SEE SOMETHING ON LA-METAL?

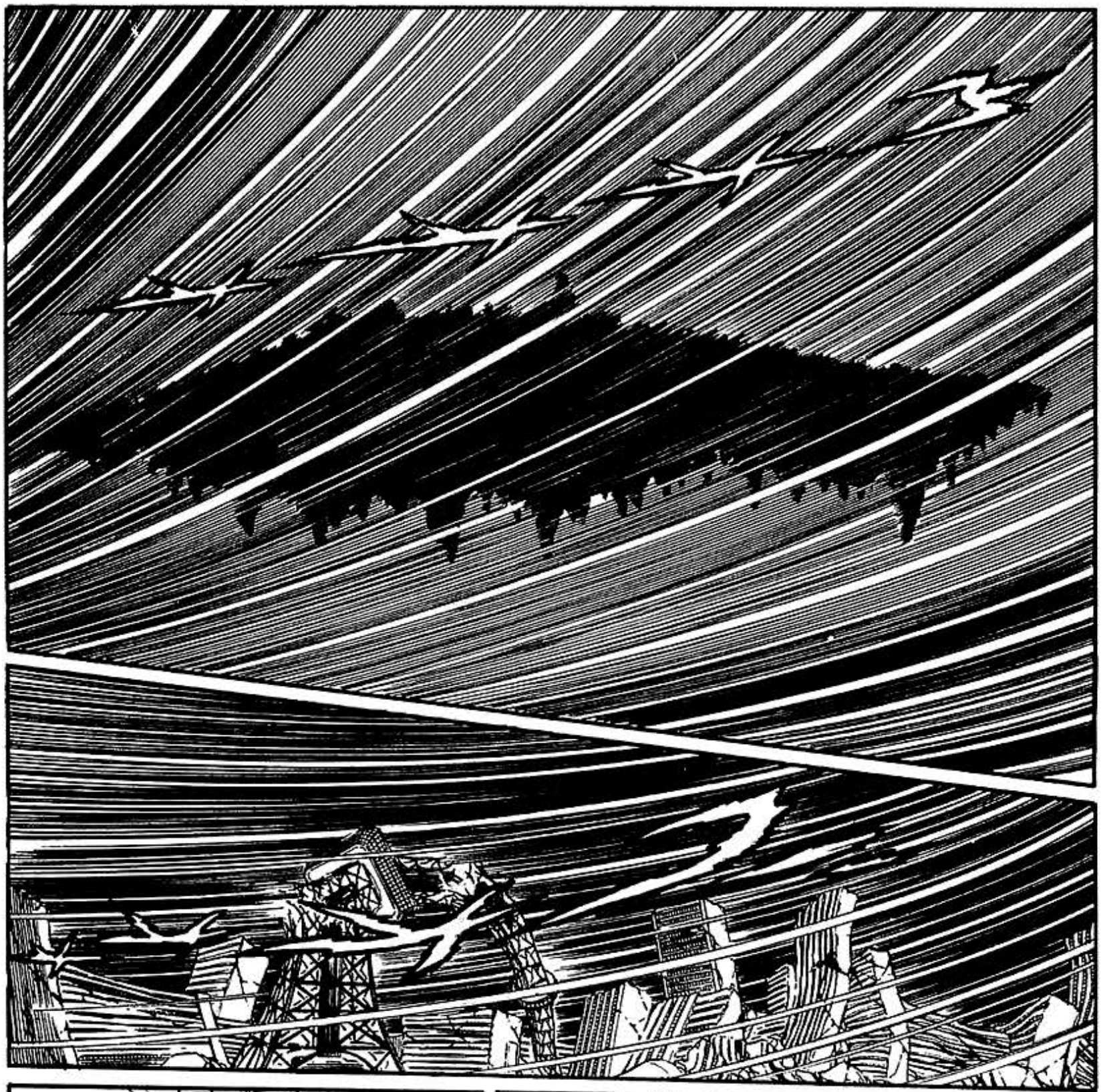
AN ALARM!!

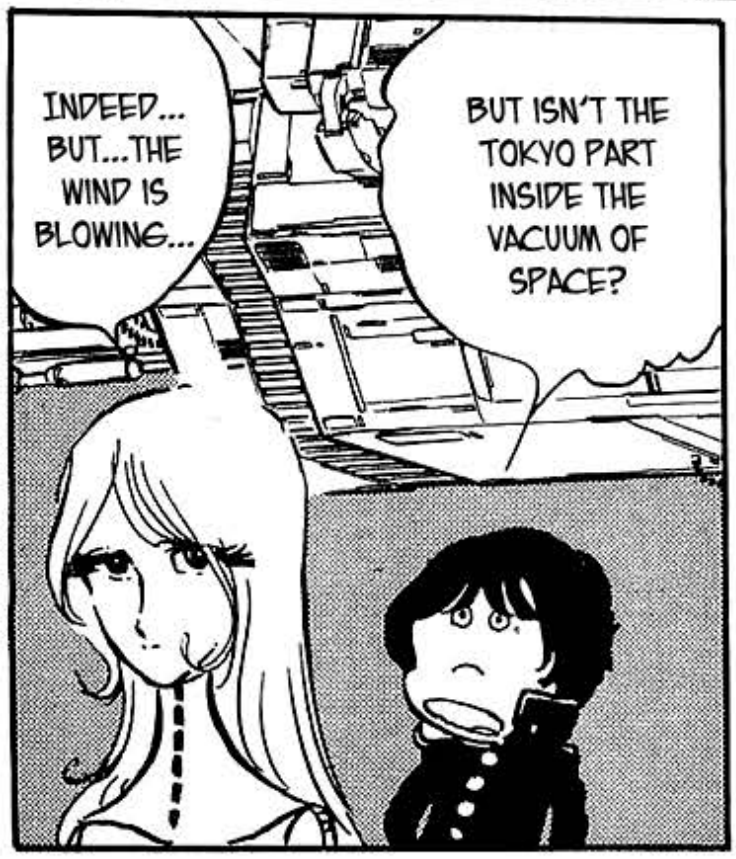
...THERE'S NO WAY THIS YAYOI IS A ROBOT OR AN ANDROID!!

...THERE WERE A TON OF YAYOI LOOKALIKES THERE...BUT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ANDROIDS.

HOLD ON?

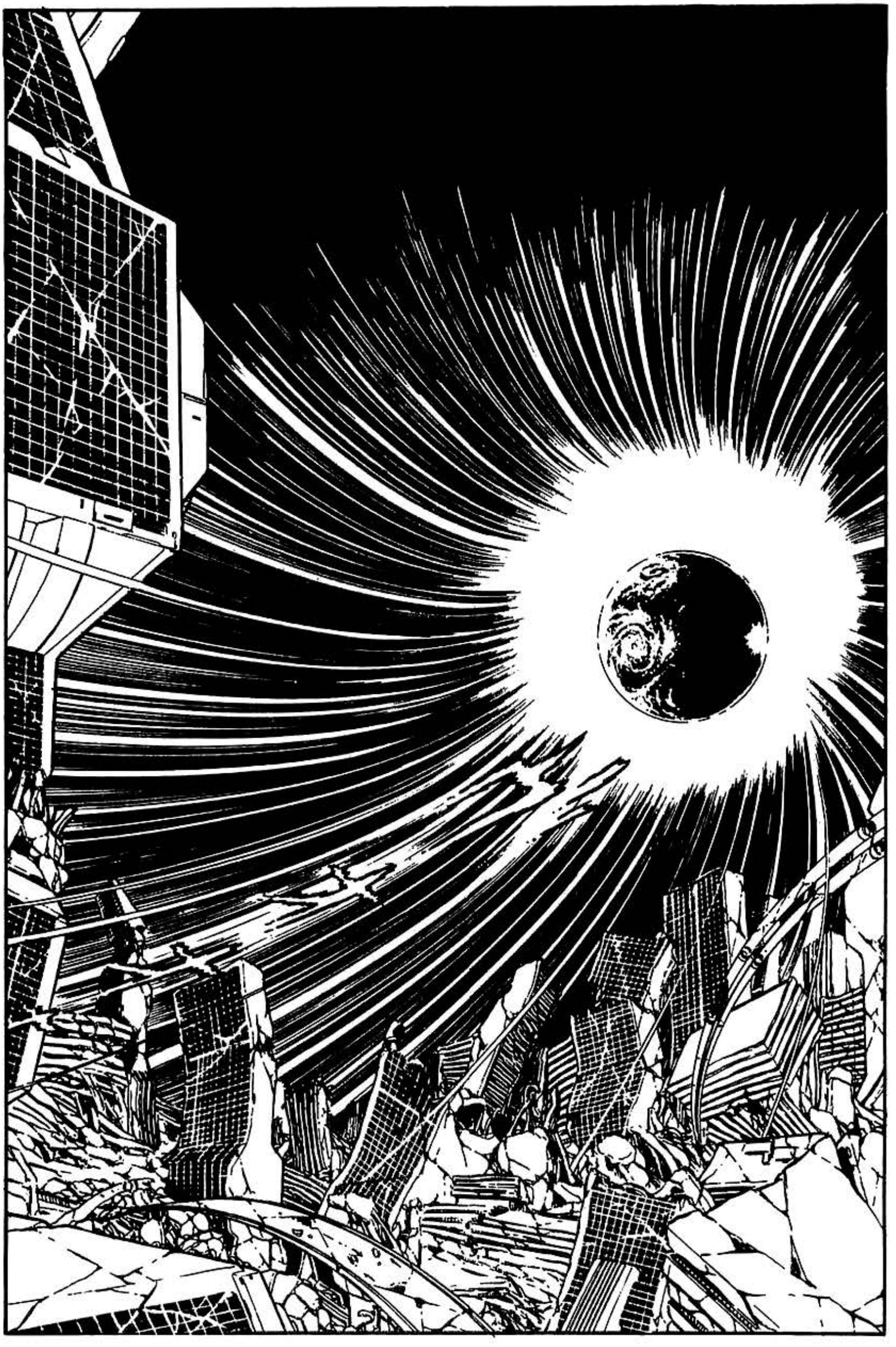
WE'VE KNOWN THIS WAS COMING. IT'LL BE FINE. HOLD ONTO SOMETHING TIGHT.




INDEED... BUT...THE WIND IS BLOWING...
BUT ISN'T THE TOKYO PART INSIDE THE VACUUM OF SPACE?

A W- WIND IS BLOW-ING!?

THE WIND WILL CONTINUE TO GET MUCH STRONGER.
THE FORMER TOKYO METRO AREA IS EXPERIENCING POWERFUL WINDS AND WHIRLS OF DUST.
THE SHOCK WE JUST FELT WAS BE-CAUSE WE ENTERED A STORM ZONE.



THE WIND VELOCITY IS AT FORTY METERS...AND GETTING STRONGER.

IT WILL GET UP TO ABOUT A HUNDRED METERS...ONCE THE GRAVITATIONAL FORCE IS IN BALANCE IT WILL LEVEL OFF AND QUIET DOWN.

HAVE WE RETURNED TO EARTH'S ATMO-SPHERE?

THIS IS PLANET LA-METAL'S AT-MOSPHERE...THE CAVESHIP IS CUR-RENTLY ENCLOSED WITHIN IT.

LA-METAL? BUT ISN'T LA-METAL STILL REALLY FAR AWAY??

IF I CAN BREATHE WITHOUT A SPACE-SUIT I'D LOVE TO HAVE A LOOK.

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, WHY DON'T YOU GO UP AND LOOK? HASHIME, THE ATMOSPHERE OF LA-MET-AL HAS A SWEET AND DELICIOUS AROMA.

THE ATMOSPHERE OF LA-METAL IS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF EARTH...DO NOT WORRY.

THAT'LL BE A PROBLEM. PROBABLY DIE.

SO · WHAT · WILL · YOU · DO · IF · THERE · IS · NO · AIR?

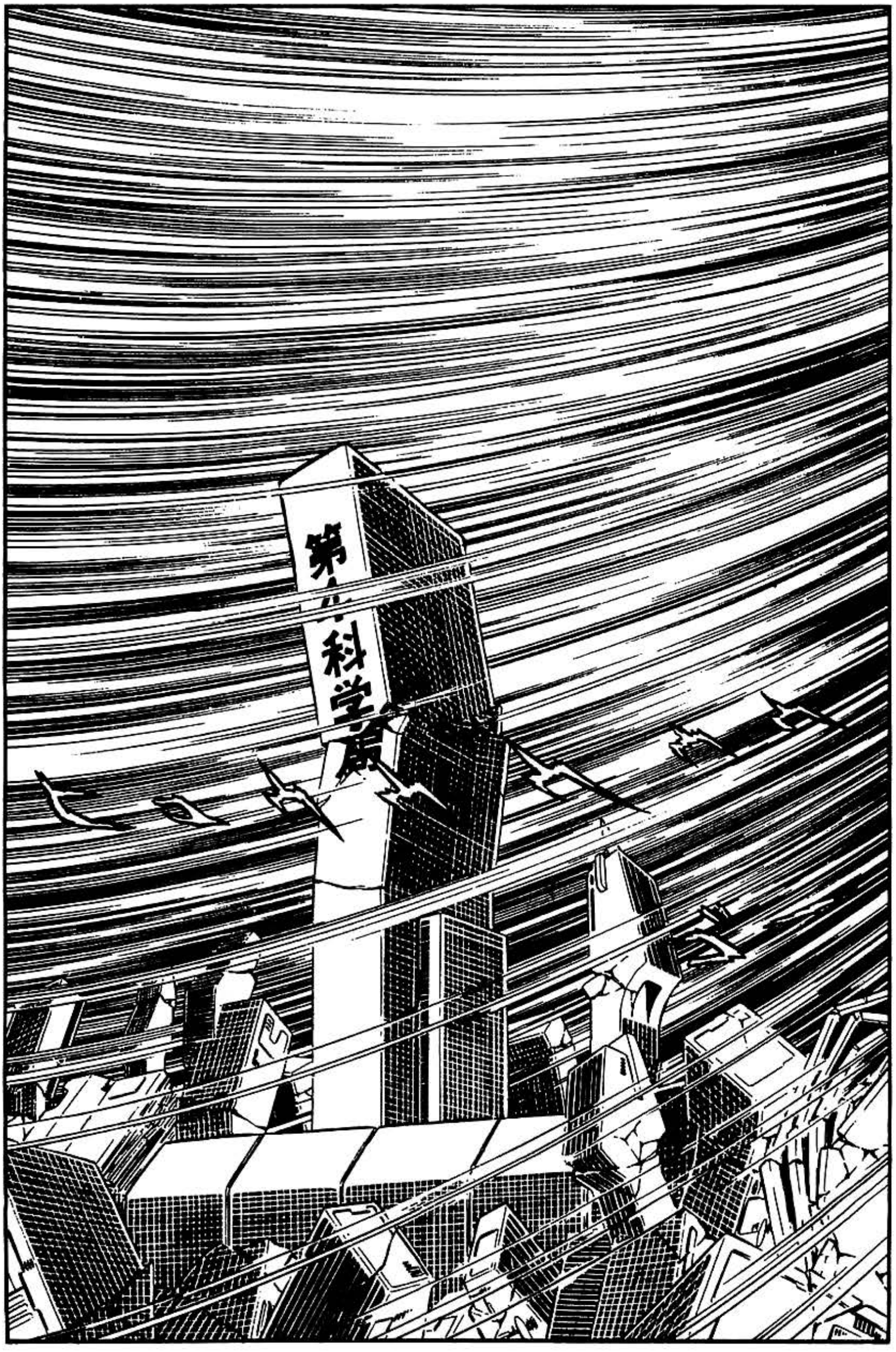
AHH...WHAT A FRAGRANT AROMA IN THE AIR!! IF I COULD FILL MY LUNGS WITH IT, I THINK IT WOULD BRING ME BACK FROM THE DEAD!!

THERE REALLY IS AN ATMO-SPHERE!! IT'S DELI-CIOUS.

TOH TOH TOH TOH

WHAT'S THIS!? *AN ATMOSPHERE IDENTICAL TO THAT OF EARTH IS BLOWING THROUGH SPACE!!

THE PROFES-SOR HAS GONE UP TO THE OB-SERVATORY TO EXAMINE THE SKY.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EARTH · IS · OVER · HERE...WE · ARE · STILL · CLOSE · TO · EARTH.

THE SKY... NO, SPACE ITSELF LOOKS BLUE...HOW IS THIS POSSI-BLE?

THAT'S...NOT THE EARTH. THAT'S LA-METAL!!

AHHH...THE WINDS OF LA-METAL BLOW!! I CAN SMELL THE FRAGRANCE OF LA-METAL...SPRING IS COMING...SPRING IS COMING TO LA-METAL.

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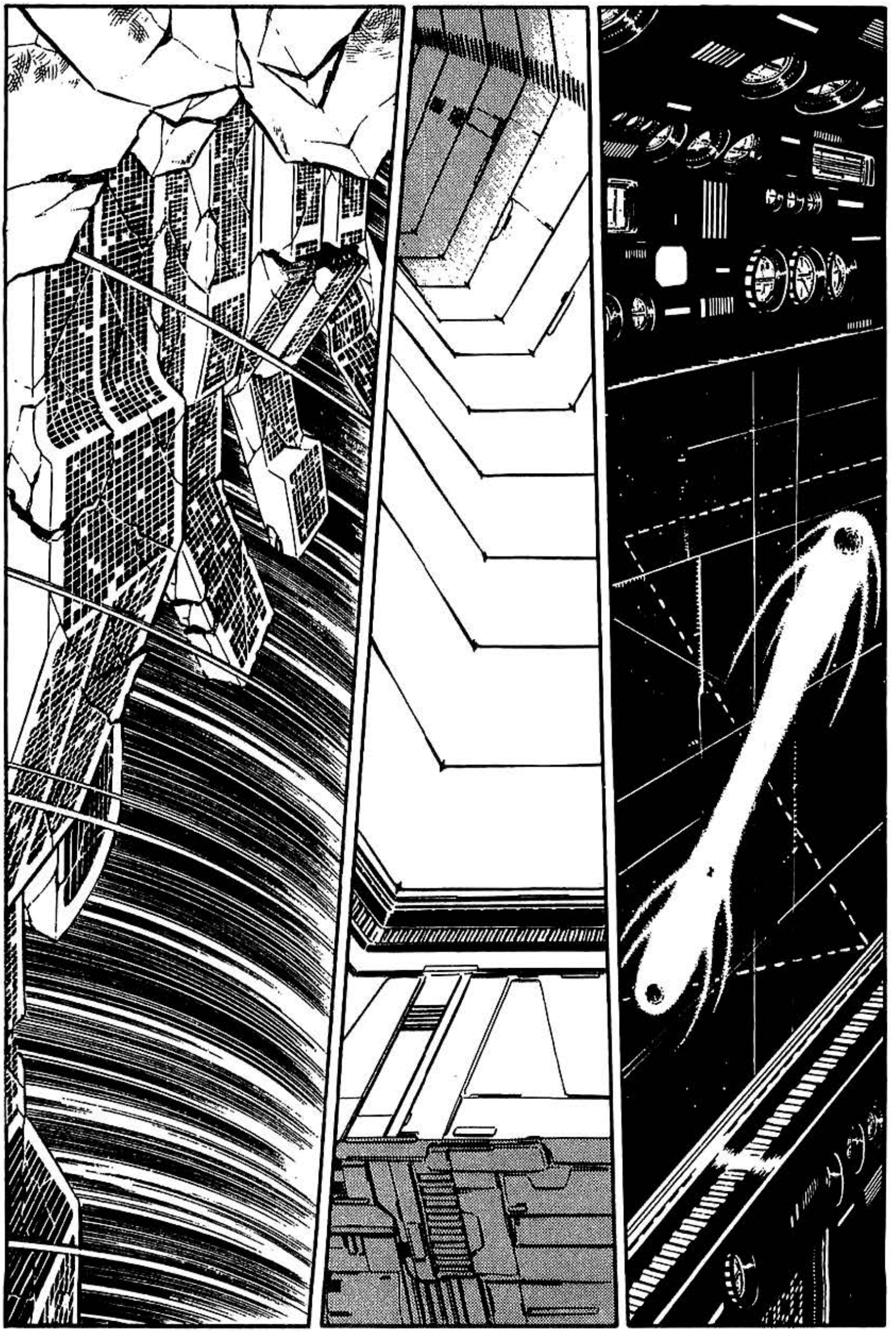
INDEED...BECAUSE · SHE · TASTES · THE · AIR · OF · HOME · FOR · THE · FIRST · TIME · IN · ONE · THOUSAND · YEARS...

YAYOI IS ACTING STRANGE. SHE'S NOT HER USUAL SELF.

THE SPRING THAT COMES ONCE IN A THOUSAND YEARS IS COMING!!



THIS IS A SLIGHTLY EXAGGERATED DIAGRAM, BUT IT SHOWS THE SITUATION WITH THE ATMOSPHERES OF LA-METAL AND EARTH...

THE X-POINT IS OUR CAVESHIP'S POSITION...

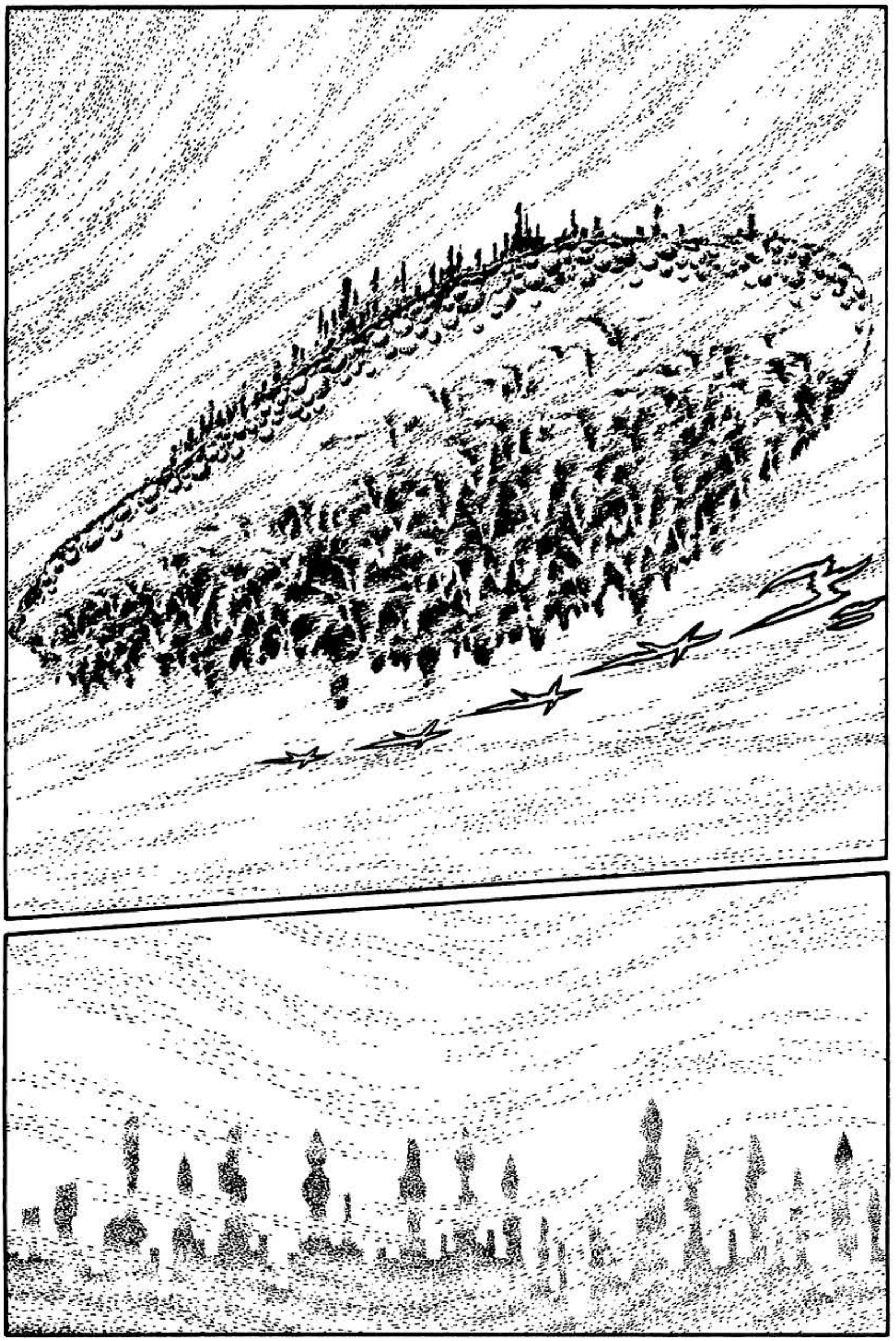
IF THE ATMOSPHERES OF TWO PLANETS ARE JOINED..IT'S NOT REALLY A SPACESHIP ANY MORE...

INDEED...LIKE · A · HELICOPTER...OR · A · BALLON...WE · WILL · CROSS · LIKE · A · NORMAL · AIRCRAFT.

ULTIMATELY WE'LL END UP WRAPPED IN AN ATMOSPHERE ROTATING LIKE THIS...

WHY? ? ?
THEY COULD HAVE MOBILIZED AIR-PLANES AND AIR-SHIPS AND SHUTTLED EVERYONE ACROSS...

I · SUPPOSE · THAT'S · TRUE
WHY? WE DIDN'T REALLY NEED A CAVE-SHIP. WE COULD HAVE IMMIGRATED NORMALLY. WHY DID WE HAVE TO RUSH TO EVACUATE?



IT'S STILL ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED CLICKS AWAY. IT'S COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF LA-METAL...BIRDS MAY-BE...OR SOMETHING LIKE BATS ARE FLYING THIS WAY.

FLYING THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE WITH WINGS??

SOMETHING STRANGE?

YAYO! ARE YOU THERE? I'M IN THE OBSERVATORY. I'M SEEING SOME-THING REALLY STRANGE.

PROFES-SOR!!

WAH...AHH... UWAH...

PROFESSOR!! COME DOWN FROM THERE AT ONCE!!

OH...THAT'S...HEY ! THE FORMATION IS THAT CLOSE!? AHH!

NO, I'M GOING TO THE OBSERVATORY TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED!!

HASHIME

COME TO THE CONTROL CENTER RIGHT AWAY!!

WAH...!! THE OBSERVATORY IS SMASHED! THE DOME IS GONE!!

THIS IS REALLY WEIRD. A WIND IS BLOWING IN SPACE.

LA-METAL · IS · A · STRANGE · PLANET... INDEED

PHEW...WHAT IS THIS STINK!?

IT · CERTAINLY · STINKS

I'VE NEVER SMELLED SUCH A FOUL STENCH IN MY LIFE.

NUNA?

THIS · IS · THE · SMELL · OF · "NUNA"

NUNA

EH???

I SUPPOSE IT WASN'T VERY STRONG AGAINST WIND, HUH?

LA-METAL AND EARTH ARE NOW COMPLETELY WRAPPED IN A SINGLE ATMOSPHERE. THE WIND SPEED IS DYING DOWN. SOON IT WILL BE CALM.

COMPARED TO PRIOR APPROACHES, IT WAS VERY EARLY THIS TIME.

A DREAM BRIDGE THAT FORMS ONCE IN A THOUSAND YEARS.

ALADDIN

UWAHH

BOTH!? BY THE NUNA? THAT'S CRAZY!!

THE · P- P- P- PROFESSOR · AND · HASHIME · HAVE · BEEN · SNATCHED · BY · THE · "NUNA"!!

I · APOLOGIZE · I · DID · NOT · SEE · THE · LAND-ING...THEY · WERE · GONE · BEFORE · I · KNEW · IT

SO WHERE DID THE NUNA LAND?

TOWARDS · EARTH...

WHERE TO?

HERE THEY ARE...WE ARE SEEING THEM FROM BEHIND...A SMALL POD OF ABOUT TEN.

MATCHING · SPEED · WITH · "NUNA" · RIDING · A · TAIL-WIND · IS · BEYOND · MY · CAPABILITY

ALADDIN!! YOU MEAN YOU ABANDONED HASHIME AND RAN AWAY WITH-OUT CHASING THEM!?

THE "NUNA" MEAN TO TAKE HASHIME TO EARTH!!

SOMEONE...

HYAA!

OF COURSE...

IT SEEMS LIKE HE WAS CARRIED OFF IN THE DOME OF THE OBSERVATORY. WE ARE READING METAL AND GLASS FROM THE LEAD ANIMAL!!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROFESSOR?

THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT PODS CROSSING THE AIRBRIDGE.

WHAT'S THIS!? BACKTRACK-ING TO EARTH!? I GUESS IT WANTS TO EAT ON LAND!!

EARTH RIGHT NOW IS HELL OF SEETHING FIRE AND LAVA...AND THAT'S WHERE HASHIME AND THE PROFESSOR ARE HEADED...

WHERE IS YAMORI?

WE'VE RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE AIRBRIDGE BETWEEN LA-METAL AND EARTH IS NOW COMPLETE.

RIGHT BACK?... YAMORI...SO...HE'S MEANS TO FLY TO EARTH!!

HE WENT DOWN TO THE AIRCRAFT HANGAR BELOW. HE SAID HE'D BE RIGHT BACK.

YAMORI!! WHERE ARE YOU? RESPOND!!

ROGER

ADD BOOSTER POWER TO THE HIGH SPEED DOPPLER LEVEL TRACKER!!

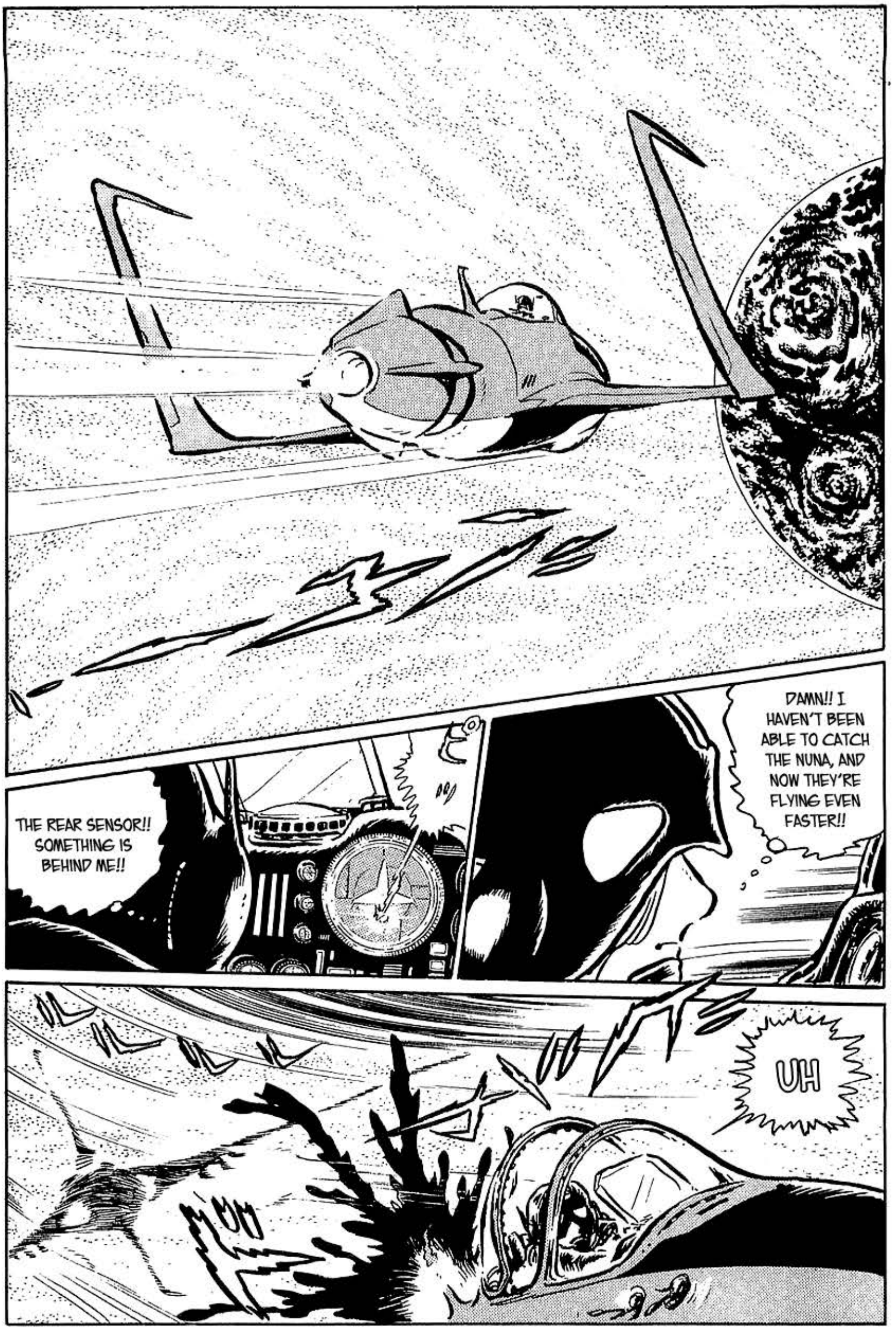
THE HIGH-SPEED DOPPLER LEVEL METER IS WAVERING. IT SEEMS MR. YAMORI HAS GONE AFTER THE "NUNA" AT FULL SPEED.

YAMORI!! IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, RESPOND!!

WE'VE BOOSTED POWER TO THE DOPPLER TRACKER!!

I CONSIDER HIM A FRIEND...I CANNOT ABANDON HIM. I KNOW IT IS CONTRARY TO DUTY, BUT ALLOW IT THIS ONCE! PLEASE!!

YOU'RE GOING TO RESCUE HASHIME AND THE PROFESSOR, RIGHT!?


DAMN!! I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CATCH THE NUNA, AND NOW THEY'RE FLYING EVEN FASTER!!
THE REAR SENSOR!! SOMETHING IS BEHIND ME!!
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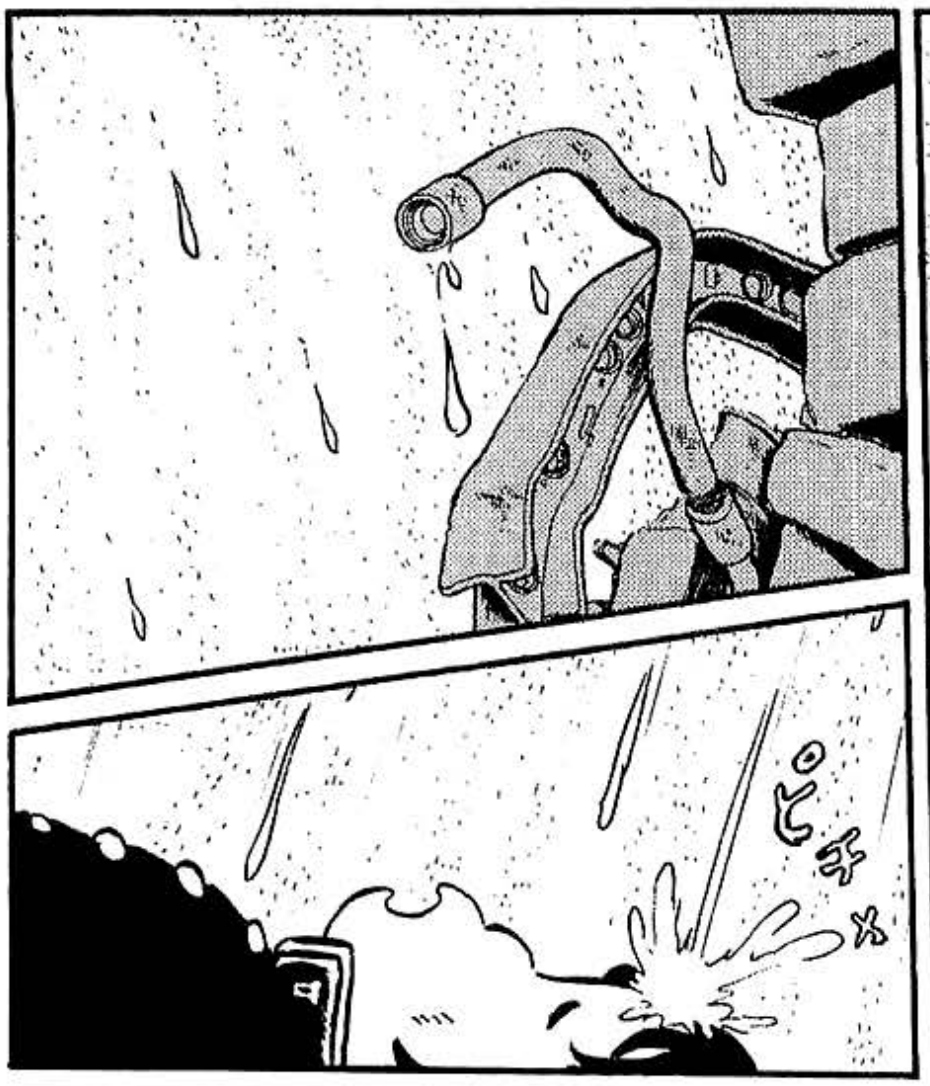
DAMN

YAMORI'S PLANE HAS BEEN AT-TACKED.

ATTACKED? BY "NUNA"?

BY A SOMEWHAT LARGER AIR-CRAFT. YAMORI'S PLANE BROKE UP IN MIDAIR.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I GUESS THAT'S... RAIN...

RAIN?...!!
WHERE AM I!?